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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Morning Meeting of 18 September 1968

ADD/I suggested the need for a pre-USIB meeting to focus on the dissents which will be filed at USIB on NIE 11-4-68, Main Issues of Soviet Military Policy, and on SNIE 13-10-68, Communist Chinese ICBM and Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile Programs.

The Director informed the ADD/I that yesterday he discussed with Godfrey and his wish to edit the study on youth unrest with a view toward distribution of the section on foreign student movements to Cabinet-level personages.

Godfrey drew attention to the increasingly harsh and strident tone of Soviet propaganda toward West Germany.

Godfrey provided the Director copies of the memorandum prepared by _______ on the Soviet leadership.

D/ONE noted that the major dissent on SNIE 13-10-68 consists of an Air Force desire to project a Chinese Communist ICBM capability one year earlier than the SNIE. He also noted that the controversy in connection with NIE 11-4-68 revolves around the concerted effort of the services generally to inflate Soviet military capabilities.

D/ONE pointed out that NIE 11-8-68, scheduled for next week's USIB meeting, is also emersed in a donnybrook over the appreciation of Soviet military strength. In this connection, DDCI recommended to the Director that he read recent paper on the status of Soviet military forces.

DD/S reported that the Printing Services Division has developed an inexpensive photo reproduction process for inclusion in Clandestine Services-disseminated reports. 25X1

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*Maury advised that Russ Blandford has indicated that the Rivers Subcommittee will want to hear the Director sometime next week. The Director asked Maury if possible to avoid an appearance next Wednesday, since he has a prior commitment to address the Air War College.

Maury noted that Senator Ellender's USSR itinerary calls for visiting forty-four cities in fifty-seven days.

Houston advised that District Attorney Hogan's decision to prosecute Itkin will most likely involve CIA.
DD/S&T commented that the improved flight plan of the last SR-71 flight is undoubtedly a result of the firm hand of
*DD/S&T reported that the Soviet circumlunar shot has rounded the moon and that the shot's most formidable obstacle to success, the problem of re-entry, is to be encountered next Saturday. The Director asked Maury to brief Congressman Rivers on the Soviet moon shot.
DD/S&T pointed out that, since the U. S. is apparently now considering a manned circumlunar shot in December, the Soviets may well attempt to pre-empt our launch with a manned shot in November.
DDCI mentioned that he is in touch with General Carroll concerning his response to the White House on the matter of Jack Anderson's allegation yesterday that military intelligence failed in connection with the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

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*The Director indicated that Walt Rostow has requested a paper on developments in Laos over the summer months and asked the ADD/I to arrange an appropriate response.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer